

PE-3C

Political Ecologies of
Conflict, Capitalism and Contestation

NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

Dear PE-3C participant,

We are happy to send you the first newsletter for the inaugural conference of the Political Ecology Network: POLLEN! The PE-3C Conference, taking place from 7 to 9 July 2016 in Wageningen, the Netherlands, is the start of a bi-annual series of POLLEN conferences, with the aim to stimulate and promote political ecology in Europe and beyond. We are delighted that you will be part of this exciting event.

We have received an overwhelming number of abstracts from all over the world, showing the continued interest in and importance of political ecology. In the coming months, we will send you several newsletters to keep you updated on news, practical aspects and other proceedings in relation to the conference.

We look forward to meet you in Wageningen next summer!

Yours truly,

The PE-3C Organizing Committee

News about bursaries

We have received many requests about the availability of bursaries and we are happy to say that we managed to obtain some funding to support several PE-3C participants. Unfortunately, the funding is still limited, so we will have to be selective and can only fund travel (to be booked by us). If you want to apply for this travel support, please send us a brief letter, in Word, to politicalecology2016@gmail.com before 30 April. In the letter, please clearly state your name, email, title of your accepted abstract and the name of your panel (if applicable). Use a maximum of 250 words to briefly explain why you could really use the bursary.

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Registration

First and most importantly: Please do not forget to register at our website before 1 April! You can do so at: www.wageningenur.nl/pe-3c.

Celebrating ENTITLE!

During the next few days, from 20-24 March, ENTITLE will hold its capstone conference called 'Undisciplined Environments'. Besides being a venue for critical, 'undisciplined thinking', it will be a chance to discuss and celebrate ENTITLE's achievements and ensure they are carried on after the programme's official end. There will be a roundtable on Monday evening from 6 pm to 7pm to discuss how POLLEN can contribute to this. Several of the PE-3C organizing committee members will be there, and we look forward to some good conversation and exchange. For more information, please see: <http://www.politicalecology.eu/> and <http://www.ces.uc.pt/undisciplined-environments/>.

PE-3C Summer School

Preceding the conference, from 1-6 July, we will organize a PhD Summer School together with WASS, the School of Social Sciences at Wageningen University. This workshop gives motivated PhD students the chance to deepen their knowledge on political ecologies of conflict, capitalism and contestation, and to interact with several of the conference keynote speakers and other interesting scholars. In line with the objectives of the conference, the course covers two broad and interrelated thematic areas of interest in political ecology:

1. New dynamics in the relation between (violent) conflict and the environment

We seem to have entered a new phase in the relation between violence and environment. This includes not just unprecedented surges of wildlife crime and associated military style retaliation, but also the conflicts and contestations that arise from structurally unequal access to resources (ironically often exacerbated by environmental policies) and the epistemic domination of specific ways of understanding, representing and enacting socio-natures. These forms of conflict and violence are (again) becoming an ever more central aspect of the political ecologies of late capitalism and warrant renewed attention, conceptualization and critique.

2. New dynamics in the relation between capitalism and the environment

Capitalism and the environment have a long and complex history and continue to dialectically evolve in extremely dynamic ways. Some of the axes of this contemporary dynamism include the commodification, financialisation and, more generally, the neoliberalisation of nature and conservation, the ways that extraction, production and conservation of (agrarian, wild, human, molecular or other) natures intersect, and how all these are subject to new (online and other) technologies, circulations, networks and forms of capitalist organisation.

For more information about the PE-3C Summer School and for registering go to:

<http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/Education-Programmes/PhD-Programme/Graduate-Schools/Wageningen-School-of-Social-Sciences/Courses/Show/Political-Ecologies-of-Conflict-Capitalism-and-Contestation-PE-3C.htm>

If you want to join we urge you to hurry because we already received many registrations!



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Facebook



We have recently started a Facebook group where you can post, like, and share anything about the conference. Although we still have to do a little bit of tweaking, you can feel free to start using it.

See:

<https://www.facebook.com/Political-Ecologies-of-Conflict-Capitalism-and-Contestation-PE-3C>

Contact

For more information visit the official conference website:

www.wageningenur.nl/pe-3c

For more information on POLLEN visit:

<http://politicalecologynetwork.com/>

